

SITUATION REPORT NO. 1
INCIDENT NO. 95-166

DATE: October 5, 1995 TIME: 3:00 p.m.

TO: Governor Edward T. Schafer
State Capitol
Bismarck, ND 58504

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: A ruptured petroleum pipeline, four miles west of New Town, ND, in Mountrail County near the Four Bears Bridge on October 4, 1995 about 5:15 p.m..
2. DEATH AND INJURIES: None at this time.
3. DAMAGE: Nearly 34,000 gallons of gasoline leaked from the Cenex Pipeline and Terminal Company pipeline when it was breached by earth moving equipment. The gasoline was routed into a burrow pit where it was contained. Porus soil in the burrow pit caused an undetermined amount of gasoline to be absorbed into the soil.
4. RESOURCES COMMITTED:

LOCAL: Cenex Pipeline and Terminal Company, Three Affiliated Tribes, Mountrail County Emergency Management, New Town Fire Department, Mountrail County Sheriff's Department, New Town Police Department, Northwest District Health Unit, and Mountrail County Commission.

STATE: ND Division of Emergency Management, ND Health Department, ND Fire Marshal's Office, ND Game and Fish Department, ND Public Service Commission, State Radio Communications, and ND Department of Transportation.

FEDERAL: Region VIII Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
5. VOLUNTEER ACTIONS: New Town Volunteer Fire Department was on-scene providing technical assistance and remains on stand-by through the emergency phase.
6. MAJOR ACTIONS: Cenex Pipeline and Terminal Company channeled the product into a nearby burrow pit for containment. They placed absorbent material at the edge of Lake Sakakawea near the site to absorb any seepage that may occur. A spill containment boom was placed on the water as a precautionary measure.

Cenex Pipeline and Terminal Company has currently recovered approximately

14,000 gallons of product from the containment area. They conducted ground and water surveillance of the area immediately downstream from the spill site. In addition, they conducted aerial surveillance nine miles upstream and downstream from the spill site. The surveillance indicated no measurable product had entered Lake Sakakawea. Soil tests are being taken to determine soil clean-up requirements.

The broken section of pipeline has been exposed and any gasoline left in the pipeline is being placed in a tanker truck in preparation for repairing the pipeline.

The ND Department of Health is monitoring the cleanup activities.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: None at this time.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: None at this time.
9. OTHER INFORMATION: The Three Affiliated Tribes, Mountrail County Emergency Management, Northwest District Health Unit, ND Health Department, ND Game and Fish Department, ND Public Service Commission, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Region VIII Environmental Protection Agency, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are providing technical assistance to assure proper cleanup of the site.

Cleanup is going well, no further report will be issued.

Signed _____
Douglas C. Friez
State Director